MAY 1989 NEWSLETTER

THE GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Clare Moore and I went to Portland for Oregon's 130th birthday February 14,1989. The morning was spent with the Oregon Historical Society's staff. We consulted with their professional staff in areas we thought we could use guidance. The morning session was very informative. Clare went with the group interested in fund raising, and I went with the group that wanted to find out about preserving artifacts and photographs.

After the morning session we were taken on a tour of the Oregon Historical Society's new 50,000 square foot addition. The first major new exhibit in the new facility will be "100 years of Oregon Fashion". This display will open June 23,1989. The Oregon History Center's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Hopefully some of you can get up to Portland and see this exhibit during the summer.

After touring the new facility we were invited to join the other Historical Societies for cake and coffee. Because Clare and I had traveled the farthest to join the celebration, Clare was honored with cutting Oregon's 130th birthday cake.

We met after lunch and drove over a few blocks to their processing center, that is housed in a huge warehouse. This was also quite interesting. All of the Oregon Historical Society's artifacts are first cataloged at this location. The staff in the preservation department showed us a very interesting. video on the different methods of preserving books, maps, paintings, and etc. The preservationist also talked a little about climate control, and emergency situations such as fire, and flooding.

The staff at the Oregon Historical Society were very helpful, and we both came home wiser.

President, Linda Genaw

As many of you know from the last newsletter, Gold Hill schools were 100 years old this year. We participated with Patrick Elementary's Centennial Celebration March 16,1989. Genevieve Heil, Alyce Bottleson and Linda Genaw conducted a one room school house that was set up in Mrs. Apostol's classroom. Linda was dressed up in an authentic period school mistress costume, that she had made for the occasion.

Luckily, Genevieve Heil and Alyce Bottleson were there to help Linda. Both ladies had attended one room school houses, so they were experts when it came to answering the children's questions. Each class spent 10 minutes or more asking questions, listening to the ladies, and looking at the artifacts and pictures that our Historical Society provided. We all had a great time

We will be going over our goal list and signing people up to serve on the various committees at our meeting on the 16th of May. Anyone who would like to serve on a particular committee be sure and attend the meeting.

We were sorry to learn that Ada Andrews backed out of doing the cook book cover for us. Linda Genaw's nephew Rob Hirshon stepped in to help us out. Rob has designed a beautiful cover for our cook book.

The cookbook is now at the printers, and should be shipped before long. We will be notifying those of you that reserved books just as soon as we receive them. The cook book will be called "Cornerstone Cooking".

The house that sits on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 7th Street will be on the cover. This house will be the first house in Gold Hill to be nominated for the National Register of Historic Properties

Since we are now affiliated with the Oregon Historical Society, President Linda Genaw turned our operating budget over to Commissioner Sue Kupillas on March 1,1989. March 1st is the dead line for applying for money from County Historical Tax Fund. Special considerations were made for our Society, and we received an operational grant from the Southern Oregon Historical Society. This funding came out of the Southern Oregon Historical Society's contingency fund which is, in a round about way part of the historical tax fund.

We requested $2773.55 for operating funds, and we received $2735.00. This money will be used for office supplies, insurance, materials, newsletters and etc. We also requested money for our own camera, copy stand, and photo dryer, so we will be able to make copies of peoples pictures without removing them from the persons premises. The photographic equipment is going to be one of our greatest assets.

A copy of our budget will be available to any member requesting a copy. With this funding comes some extra responsibility. We are required to send in monthly statements to Sam Wegner, as to how we spend the money. Next year when we send in our budget, it will go through the budget process just as the Woodville and Eagle Point Museums do now.

Our Society also applied for a grant from the Southern Oregon Historical Society's Grants-in-Aids program. We asked for funding for additional acid free boxes to complete the city records, negative sleeves, acid free file folders, film, film development, and materials to preserve a 1910 Jackson County map. We were awarded $830.00 March 28,1989. This money needs to be utilized by June 30,1989.

We were fortunate to have Jane Watson Hopping and her husband Raymond as guest speakers at our March meeting. Mrs. Hopping is the author of the "Pioneer Lady's Country Kitchen", a cookbook that came out last year. The Hopping's shared some of their experiences of putting their first cookbook together. They also shared a little of their genealogy and tales of their life with us. Mr. and Mrs. Hopping were both delightful, and the program was a great succes.

GOLD DUST DAY

The theme for Gold Dust Days is "In the good old summer time". The booths will be set up at Patrick school this year. The parade is scheduled to start at the city park and go down second avenue to the school.

We will have a discussion and decide how we will be involved at the meeting on the 16th of this month. Please come if you can help work the booth that day. Gold Dust Days is scheduled for June 10,1989. That is the second Saturday in June.

Notice

We will be having our third annual rummage sale in the park on May 20th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Besides our Society, the Gold Hill Preschool, Friends of the Library, and the Patrick P.T.C. will be there. If you have items you wish to donate,it is preferred that you send them with the price marked. This sure saves a lot of time on Saturday mornings. Anyone wishing to help work that day may also contact Linda and sign up

IF YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE CONTACT LINDA GENAW. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO PICK ITEMS UP. PHONE 855-7260

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY MAY 16,1898 AT 7:00 P.M.